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A short Account of all the most considerable News, *Foreign* and *Domestic*.

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From the Evening Post, Dec. 7. 1723.

MOSCOW, Nov. 10.

THE Troops in our Neighbourhood, being about 20000 Men, are ready for marching on the first Orders. 'Tis thought they will file off towards the Boristhenes, whither, within these eight Days past, abundance of Warlike Ammunition was sent.

Petersburg, Nov. 5. There are still some of the Swedish Officers, who were formerly Prisoners of War, and intend to continue in this Country, but could not hitherto be employed. 'Tis thought that they will be plac'd in the new Regiments now raising at Moscow, according to the Ranks they formerly served in.

Hague, Decem. 10. The Lord Viscount Townshend is expected here some Days before the Arrival of the King of Great Britain. The Officers of his Majesty's Green Cloth were here this Day, to execute some Matter relating to their Office, and are gone back again to Helvoetsluys.

Captain de Grave, Commander of a Man of War in the Service of this State, has taken an Algerine Ship in the Mediterranean, of 24 Guns and 250 Men.

This Day at Noon S. S. Stock was 113, 18th. S. S. Annuity, 99, 1 4th. Bank, 121. India, 138, 1 4th. African, 13, 1 half. York Buildings, 12, 3 4ths.

From

From the Flying Poſt.

Rome, Nov. 20. Sunday laſt in the Afternoon the Pretender had a long Conference with Cardinal Gualtieri, and at Night treated him ſplendidly at Supper, together with the Ambaſſador of Malta, the Princeſſes of Piombino and Paleſtrine, the Duke and Dutcheſs of Caſtel Sangro, Caraccioli, and other Perſons of Diſtinction, to the Number of 14. Next Day the Pretender and his Lady had a private Audience of the Pope, to which they were conducted by the Stairs of the Garden of the Quirinal.

Moſcow, Nov. 10. On the 8th ſome Veſſels arrived here from Petersburg, under the Guard of 300 Dragoons with magnificent Habits, againſt the Coronation of their Czariſh Majeſties, who are expected here in 3 Weeks for that Purpoſe, a great many Sledges being ſent hence to meet them; and all the Archbiſhops, and other chief Eccleſiaſtics, being already come hither, by Order, to aſſiſt at their ſaid Coronation. We are not yet certain whether we ſhall have Peace or War with the Porte: Mean-time great Care is taken of the Security of Pultowa, that Fortreſs being look'd upon as the Key of this Empire on the Side of Turkey; and our Spies report unanimouſly, that the Turks are ready to invade our Frontiers, where 'tis ſaid the Tartars have already committed ſome Ravage, and that the Turks have forbid all Commerce with our Countrymen

From the Whitehall Evening Poſt.

Petersburgh, Nov. 11. Within theſe few Days paſt we have had a great Deluge of Snow, and all the ſmall Rivers are covered with Ice. His Majeſty's new Sledges, in which he and the Royal Family are to travel to Moſcow, are all made in the Form of the Roman Triumphal Chair, and the Court intends to ſet out in a few Days for that Capital. The Duke of Holſtein's Officers are likewiſe ready for that Journey, ſince their Maſter is determined to accompany his Imperial Majeſty. Two Expreſſes are lately arrived here from Conſtantinople and Perſia; they confirm the great warlike Preparations of the Porte, and report, that they have actually marked out a Camp near Aſoph. We hear likewiſe of ſome ſecret Articles of the Alliance made between the Czar and the K. of Perſia, the chief whereof imports, That theſe two Monarchs engage themſelves for ever to oppoſe, by all Ways and Means, the Intereſt of the Ottoman Porte; jointly to attack its Dominions, and not to lay down their Arms till the Czar has recovered Aſoph. An Expreſs arrived here ſome Days ago from Iſmael Beeg the Perſian Ambaſſador, which he diſpatched on his Journey; but 'tis not known what Diſpatches he brings. We daily expect that a War between us and the Turks will break out; and ſome pretend, that both General Czeremetoff, who is on his Journey to Conſtantinople, and our Ambaſſador there, are actually recalled. On the other hand, ſeveral of our Engineers are actually ſet out for the Turkiſh Frontiers, in order to fortify more and more our Places thereabouts, and build new Forts.

Moſcow, Nov. 30. 300 new caſt great Guns, with a large Quantity of Bombs, &c. were lately brought hither, being chiefly deſign'd for the Fortreſſes on the River Pruth.

London, Decem. 5. They write from Petersburg, Nov. 11. N. S. That between 20 and 30 Ships Outward bound, are like to paſs the Winter in that Harbour, by the hard Weather's coming upon them unexpectedly, which has rendred the Navigation there unpracticable.

Next Sunday the Court goes into Mourning for three Weeks, for the Death of the late Duke of Orleans.

Some Part of his Majeſty's heavy Baggage is already arrived in the River on board of a Ship from Holland.

The Marquis of Blandford is hourly expected here from Holland, ſeveral of the Earl of Godolphin's Servants being gone to meet him.

From

From the Evening Poſt, December 5th,

Hague, December 9. The Marquis de Monteleone, Ambaſſador of Spain, deſigns to depart next Week for Spain. Mr. Oliviera, Secretary of the Embaſſay, being arrived here from Cambray, to take Care of the Affairs of Spain during the Abſence of the ſaid Marquis.

Conſtantinople, October 28. On the 21ſt Inſtant, the Divan aſſembled in the Preſence of the Grand Seignior; when they broke up, the Aga of the Janizaries was diſpatched to Aſoph, where he is to take upon himſelf the Command of the Troops in thoſe Parts. The Porte has ſent to Meriweys by his Ambaſſador, two Caftans or Veſts of extraordinary Beauty, a Saddle and Harneſs of great Value, and ſeveral other Preſents for his Court, which Honours are never paid by the Porte, but to ſuch Powers as are in Alliance with the Ottoman Empire. Prince Ragotski often goes to the Houſes of the Grand Vizier and Ca-macan: 'Tis ſaid he is making Intereſt for obtaining Walachia for himſelf and his Heirs.

From the Whitehall Evening Poſt, Decem. 7.

London, Decem. 7. Yeſterday the King's Coaches ſet out for Harwich and Margate, to wait his Majeſty's happy Arrival.

The ſame Day the famous Sally Salisbury was brought from Newgate to the Old Baily, where ſhe took and ſubſcribed the Oaths appointed by Act of Parliament, ſhe being poſſeſs'd of a ſmall Real Eſtate.

Edinburgh, December 12.

There having been two falſe Accounts publiſhed in Print, of a melancholly Diſaſter, that fell out on the 11th of the laſt Month, by a Boat being caſt away at Nether-Barnsfoord *on the River* Tweed, *about a Mile above* Melroſs *in the* South *Country, by which moſt of the People in the Boat periſhed: It's thought proper and neceſſary to publiſh the following Letter, giving a true Account of that unhappy Accident, that has come lately to hand, from a Friend in that Country, which it's hoped will not be unacceptable to the Publick.*

Galaſhiels, Dec. 2. 1723.

SIR,

ON *Monday* the 11th of *November* laſt (being *Melroſs* Fairday) *Boleſide* Boat being brought down to *Nether-Barnsfood*, after carrying ſafely over ſeveral Boat's full of People, was caſt away within the Kent-lenth of the Land at the other Side: She was carried down below her common landing Place, the Water being Top-flood, hereby the People, put into a Fright, ruſh'd forward to the Horn of the Boat, ſo it dipp'd down, and the Water came in and ſweept out the whole Company into the River. It was an extraordinary high Wind the whole Day, and at that time blew exceeding fiercely, the Rope by which the Men (that were to wait her landing) were pulling the Boat, the Oar-pinns and Kent, all broke much at the ſame time, ſo that, under the Conduct of holy Providence, every thing contributed its Aſſiſtance to compleat the Diſaſter. There were in the Boat, as I am credibly informed, 35 Perſons, whereof 18 periſhed and 17 of them were preſerved, and ſome of them in a moſt wonderful Manner, particularly a Boy of 16 Years of Age, named *William Williamſon*, whoſe Father is a Tradeſman in this Place. The Circumſtances of his Preſervation being ſo many and wonderfull, that I cannot forbear to give you ſome of them, as I had them from himſelf. Upon his being thrown out of the Boat with the reſt of the Company, he went to the Bottom, and then riſing up, he was help'd to raiſe himſelf above the Water, by the Hair of a Man's Head, which he pull'd at; and ſo was carried over the Heads of the drowning Company with great Force down the impetuous Current; and as paſſing them, he pull'd off from a Man's Shoulder a Bundle of Lint tied in a Sheet; by this he was ſupported a little Way, till the Watter getting into the Heart of it, it began to ſink beneath him; he par-

parted with it, and was gone but a few Yards down, till he espied a large Sack full of gray Cloth, and by this was carried above the Water a good Way, till he got over a great Fall of Water, over great Clints; but the Water having soake into the Cloth, as it began to sink, a new Mean of Preservation was cast in his Way, which was a Deal that had been torn off from the Lofting of the Boat, coming down clofs by his Side, he quickly loosed Grips of the Sack, and got the Dale beneath his Breast, and grasped it with his Arms; so he came down afloat to the three Pillars in the Middle of the Water, where formerly a Bridge had been built, and there he was in Danger of being dash'd off the Dale in going through; but by getting the Deal squinted, he got safely through; but at the East-side of one of them was a strong Gullet, where he was thrown below the Water on his Back, but was raised up again, still keeping grips of the Deal. In his Passage he was often thrown on his Back, and carried down below the Water at one Place, near 30 or 40 Yards together, keeping his Mouth clofs, and yet never parted with the Deal. When he came near the Place of his Deliverance, he was in great Danger of being dash'd in Pieces on some great Clints, but so it was, that he got only his Legg a little strained by rubbing against one of them, after this, he was taken up by the West-haus-boat as he was carried down the Stream, which Place was a large Mill below Netherbarnsfoord, tho' he had been fully Master of his Senses all the Time, he lost them quite on his being taken up into the Boat, and continued so for about half an Hour, afterwards he grew perfectly well, complaining only of the Pain of his Leg. One Circumstance further must not be omitted, and that is, his Father had a Horse in the Boat, which when thrown out into the Water, swame over to this Side, and ran away to a Plough, where one of the Plowmen immediately mounted him, and rode to West-haws-boat, to acquaint them to make ready to take in the Boy; for the Motion of the Rolling-flood was so Swift, the People on Foot could not get before him to give Notice.

I shall only adde further, That I think there was no Ground to complain of the Insufficiency of the Boat, which was given out by some to be the Occasion of the Disaster, for after she had been tosted in the Water upon the Pillars above-mentioned, where she hang fourteen Days, her Timbers remained perfectly firm.

I am Sir yours, &c.

Wye's Letter verbatim, *London, Dec.* 7, 1723.

YESTERDAY came on at the Old-Bailly before Mr. Baron Page, the Trial of R--d Ayre, John Lant, David Keat and John Anibler, against whom a Bill of Indictement had been founded by the Grand Jury for the late Riot at Cripplegate, upon the Declaration of an Alderman for the Ward (they not being indicted upon the Riot Act) after hearing Council and examining Witnesses, of which 12 were on the Part of the Crown, who deposed, that great Outrages and Violences were committed by the Defendants, particularly, that they with many others assembled in a riotous Manner about a Bonfire near Cripplegate, That some of them cried out *No K. George, no Hanover Proclamations, Down with the Crown Tavern*, &c. That they broke the Head of one of the Constables who read the Proclamation for dispersing them, and that those Outrages were committed without the least Provocation.

On the other Hand several Witnesses for the Prisoners swore, That some of the Officers of the Orange Regiment of Train'd-bands came out of the Crown Tavern where they supp'd that Night, in a violent Manner arm'd with Muskets, Bayonets and Swords, and drove the People away from the Bonfire which they had innocently prepared, and that too before any Assault was committed by the Mobb: The Jury upon the whole Matter found John Lant guilty of the Indictment, but acquitted the other.

Last

Last Night a Proclamation was publiſhed, by Order of the Lords Juſtices, for proroguing the Parliament from the 10th Inſtant to the 9th of January next; and that they ſhall then ſit, for the Diſpatch of divers weighty and important Affairs.

A Book is publiſhed, and ſold by the Book-ſellers of London and Weſtminſter, intituled, *A Speech in the Houſe of Lords, upon the third Reading of the Bill for inflicting Pains and Penalties upon Francis late Lord Biſhop of Rocheſter*, wherein are ſeveral Paſſages, which are judg'd highly reflecting on the legal and juſt Proceedings of the Committee of the honourable Houſe of Commons, particularly in Relation to Neynoe and his Examinations.

What Deſign there may be in publiſhing ſuch a Speech at this Time we know not, but ſome are of Opinion the Government will take Cognizance of it; 'tis to be obſerved, That the Author of this Speech conceals his Name.

According to the Diſcourſe that has been amongſt ſome People, the Time is approaching for the D-- of W------ to be called upon.

Yeſterday the Coaches ſet out for Harwich and Margat, to wait his Majeſty's landing.

Laſt Thurſday died the Daughter and only Child of Mr. Bratsfoord a Merchant in this City, after having ſome Days before been inoculated for the ſmall Pox. This is another Inſtance of that fatal Practice, againſt whom ſo many learned Gentlemen have wrote; and particularly the reverend Mr. Maſſey, who, (we are told) has given his Opinion, That only Atheiſts and Deiſts ſhould inoculate, and be inoculated.

This Morning Mr. Hungerfoord and Mr. Kettleby, Counſels for John Lent abovemention'd, mov'd the Court in Arreſt of Judgment. It was alledged and urged very ſtrenuouſly in his Behalf, That when 4 Perſons were indicted and tried for this Fact, and 3 of them were acquitted, the 4th could not be eſteem'd guilty of it, for one Man cannot make a Riot. This Motion hath at preſent reſpited the Sentence, the Matter being to be argued on Thurſday next before ſome of the Judges, there being none to-Day upon the Bench.

'Tis not doubted, but that there will be a full Houſe at the Opening of the Parliament; and that the Speech from the Throne of the happy Poſture of Affairs, will excite an univerſal Joy and Satisfaction of raiſing public Credit; and the Trade of the Nation to continue in a flouriſhing Condition.

'Tis worthy of Remark, That during the Time of the Adminiſtration of their Excellencies the Lords Juſtices, Affairs are gone in the moſt peaceable and quiet Order that poſſibly could be wiſhed, for the Public Stocks bear a good Price: South Sea ſold Yeſterday for near 114 *per Cent.*

The French King has given to the Duke of Charters the Title of Duke of Orleans; and 'tis believ'd the King of Spain will give him the Collar of the Order of the Golden Fleece, which the late Duke his Father had.

Edinburgh, December 12. Yeſterday all the Epiſcopal Miniſters of this City who keep Meeting-houſes, were conveen'd before the Magiſtrats, as not being duly Qualified, and not praying for his Majeſty and the reſt of the Royal Family, in Terms of the Act of Parliament, and were ordered again to attend on Tueſday next the 17th Current.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

|| *That upon the Twenty-third Day of* December *next, in the Houſe of* Patrick Herdman *Vintner in* Edinburgh, *in the* Writers Court *there, between* 3 *and* 4 *a-clock in the Afternoon, will be expoſed to voluntar Roup and Sale, a Laigh Houſe or Cellar, conſiſting of Six Rooms, whereof* 4 *are Fire-roms; a back Vault, and a large fore Vault, lying at the Head of* Bell's Wynd. *The Conditions of Roup and Progreſs of the Writs are to be ſeen in the Hands of* Andrew Geddes *Writer in* Edinburgh, *at his Houſe at the* Bank-cloſs-*head.*

†*† That

†*† *That the Land and Barony of* Thornydikes, *lying within the Parochine of* Woolſtruther, *and Sheriffdom of* Berwick, *is to be expoſed to Sale by a voluntary Roup, in* February *next, upon the Day and in the Place hereafter to be notified; the Rental whereof, is wholly in Money, and extends to* 2393 L. 13 s. 4 d. *beſides Kain, and the Service of winning of Peats by the Tenants, who are bound to leave Steel-bow-Straw. The Lands hold of the Sovereign Taxtward, the Duties are pretty eaſy, the Rental may be conſiderably improv'd; there is no Stipend paid to the Miniſter, the Tiends being valued at* 108 L. *yearly, payable to a Tackſman; and the Heretor, near thirty Years ſince, obtained Decreet of Sale. The School-Maſter's Fees is* 8 L. *Scots, and the Ceſs is* 13 L. 7 s. per *Month. The Lands are furniſhed with a commodious ſlated Manſion-Houſe and good Office Houſes, with a Garden, and two Graſs Yards not to be rented. It lies a Mile from the Parish Church, fifteen Miles from* Berwick *upon* Tweed, *on the* Eaſt, *twelve Miles from* Caldſtream, *and nine Miles from* Kelſo *on the* South, *three Miles from the Burgh of* Lawder *on the* Weſt; *and ſeven Miles from the Town of* Dunce *on the* North-Eaſt. *The Perſon concerned in the Roup (who is to be found in the* Laigh-Coffe-Houſe *in* Edinburgh) *will ſatisfy any Buyer concerning the Progreſs of Rights, the Rental of each Farm, with the Conditions of Sale,* &c.

BY Order of Mr. *John Oglvie* of *Balbignie*, Mr. *John Forbes* of *Newhall*, and Mr. *Alexander Bayne* of *Rives*, Advocates, Truſtees and Arbiters for the Creditors of *David* Earl of *Northesk*.

There are to give Notice that the ſaid Truſtees and Arbiters are to proceed in the Ranking; Now, that the moſt part of them have ſigned the Submiſſion, and for that End, the Arbiters have appointed the Credivors to give in their Claims and Inſtructions of Debt to *William Mercer* Writer in *Edinburgh*, Clerk to the ſaid Submiſſion, betwixt and the firſt of *January* next; and ſuch Creditors as have not as yet ſigned the Submiſſion by themſelves or by Proxy; are hereby advertiſed and deſired, to ſign the ſame, or ſend Powers to their Doers for that Effect, That they may not be precluded from the Benefit of the Diſpoſition granted by the ſaid Earl, in Favours of his Creditors; and that they likewiſe ſend up the Grounds of their Debt, and give in their Claims thereon, CERTIFYING, ſuch as do not herewith comply, the Arbiters will proceed without any further Delay.

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